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Sir:

Applicant thanks Examiners Amini and Brier for the courtesies extended at the personal interview on May 11, 2004, and provides this Statement of Substance of Interview in compliance with M.P.E.P. 713.04:

- (A) Exhibits. The inventor conducted a computer demonstration of an embodiment of the invention utilizing the PerSpective® software application by Building Systems Design, Inc.
- (B) Claims. The discussion was limited to independent claim 14.
- (C) Prior art. Johnson (U.S. Patent No. 5,625,776) and general word processing applications (e.g., MS Word) were discussed.
- (D) Amendments. The Examiner suggested incorporating language into the claim further elaborating on a computer-based implementation and identifying the entity to whom the first overlay is sent.
- (E) Principal arguments by Applicant. Johnson and word processing applications do not teach or suggest 1) generating an overlay representing a request for proposal, and 2) associating an appropriate grammatical mood with a text segment based on a received indicated document function.
- (F) Other matters. No other pertinent matters were discussed.
- (G) No agreement. Although no agreement was reached at the interview, the Examiners expressed their intention to review claim 14 again against the discussed prior art in light of Applicant's arguments and demonstration.

Although not believed necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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